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## RCMP charges.

'I'm not going to abandon my post': Mayor Joe Fontana



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Innocent, and not going anywhere.

Mayor Joe Fontana dug his heels into the sand Thursday, making his first public statement since being charged Tuesday by the RCMP.

"I intend to fight as hard as I possibly can to clear my name," Fontana said. "I have a responsibility and obligation that was given to me by the people of London two years ago."

"I intend to fulfil my responsibilities."

Fontana — accused of using taxpayer money to cover a \$1,700 room deposit for his son's 2005 wedding reception — said the court case won't be a distraction as budget talks start at city hall.

"I am confident that this council, the community (can) come together so that we can complete the work that's been requested of us."

"I truly understand and realize some anguish and pain,

disappointment, frustration, anger that has been caused by this incident.

"I feel it right here for the people of London, for my family, for my colleagues, for those who had supported me (and) for those people who care about our city," Fontana said, putting his hand on his heart.

He has resigned from the police-services board because provincial law bans people facing charges from being appointed to the post. The Municipal Act carries no such requirement for those elected to office.

Lawyer Gordon Cudmore, who's representing Fontana, slammed the court of public opinion Thursday for spreading "substantial misinformation" and "speculation" about "what actually occurred regarding payment of the Fontana wedding."

Fontana, under Mountie investigation since Oct. 19, is guaranteed a presumption of innocence as the court case — which could take about a year — unfolds, Cudmore said.

"I have not seen all the documentation, but certainly, from what I've seen and understand so far, there is a very, very valid defence to the allegations," he said.

Fontana's first court appearance will be Jan. 8.

# Nope

## Not going anywhere



Joe Fontana announced at a news conference Thursday he intends to fulfil his term as mayor of London despite facing RCMP charges. More coverage, page 2. MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

## Grant a gift for Greeks

City's Hellenic Community Centre expanding with \$500K in Trillium funding page 4

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# City the 'butt of the jokes' as mayor faces charges

**Allegations.** Fontana declares he won't step down; motion may force him to take a leave of absence



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The spotlight is certainly on London.

Coun. Joni Baechler got that message loud and clear Thursday as she attended an Ottawa gathering of municipal politicians from across Canada.

Several people watched streaming video of Mayor Joe Fontana vowing to stay in his post despite criminal charges, Baechler said. And, of course, there was some snickering.

"We're the butt of the jokes," Baechler said, recounting a conversation she overheard in a hallway.

The mayor's decision to stay in office under allegations he misused taxpayer money furthers the "distraction" council has faced since

the Mounties started their investigation Oct. 19.

Because of that, Baechler plans to move ahead as planned Monday with a motion asking that the mayor take a leave of absence. The motion will be tabled at a committee meeting and is expected to be debated by full council Dec. 11.

If passed, it will carry no binding authority.

"He's one of a collective of 15 (people) so actions within this collective have a ripple effect," Baechler said. "I don't believe anyone on council is presuming innocence or guilt with respect to asking the mayor to step aside."

By staying in the public eye, Fontana is, essentially, "thumbing his nose up at the people of London," said Coun. Nancy Branscombe, who tried to get a similar motion open for debate earlier this month.

London North Centre MP Deb Matthews also said a leave of absence is in order.

"I do believe that when a political leader is facing charges, serious charges, the right thing to do is step aside."



Journalists pack into a small room at lawyer Gordon Cudmore's office for a news conference on Thursday. It was Mayor Joe Fontana's first public appearance since being charged by the RCMP. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

## Coun. Bud Polhill



"I think we need to wait until we find out exactly what the situation is.

He's not guilty of anything yet, and may never be."

## Coun. Nancy Branscombe



"At the end of the day, he didn't do what he needed to do, which is

step aside temporarily and clear his name."

## Coun. Joni Baechler



"I'm disappointed."

## Opinion on Fontana's decision mixed



Protesters calling for Mayor Joe Fontana's resignation gather outside lawyer Gordon Cudmore's Fullarton Street office Thursday after the mayor said he won't step down or take a leave of absence. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

London residents appear to be torn over Joe Fontana's decision to continue to lead the city as its mayor.

Some are taken aback by what transpired at Thursday's news conference, as Fontana made it clear he will not resign from his post despite RCMP charges against him.

"He's still saying he has the trust of the people," said Brian Gibson, the man behind a Change.org online petition that politely asks Fontana to temporarily step down.

"But if formal charges are placed on him that call into question his trustworthiness,

## Quoted

**"It's hurting London. And it'll continue to hurt London."**

Occupancy London's Alexandra Baron on the Fontana saga

to me it's black-and-white. He absolutely should step down until this is finished."

As of Thursday evening, the petition Gibson launched on Oct. 30 had nearly 1,500 virtual signatures.

Lou Klomp is one of the petition's signees. But he also

expressed sympathy for Fontana. "If he is now saying he won't step down, let the man have his day in court," Klomp said. "We all deserve it. And then we'll see what happens when that's finished."

Then there's Tammy Lee Marche — one Londoner dead-set on giving Fontana the benefit of the doubt and the right to due process.

"In the past, I've been disappointed in some of his decision-making ... (but) we really do need to follow due process and the presumption of innocence," Marche said.

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## Anti-fraud. Task force wants new licensing scheme for towing sector

An expert panel is recommending Ontario implement a provincewide licensing scheme for the towing industry to help eliminate insurance fraud.

The automobile insurance anti-fraud task force makes a total of 38 recommendations in its final report, including a call for a new provincial administrative authority to license tow trucks and keep an eye on fraudulent practices.

The task force, set up by Finance Minister Dwight Duncan, says the towing industry is governed by an inconsistent and confusing patchwork of requirements and enforcement levels that have helped facilitate fraud.

Duncan says auto insurance fraud is "a significant problem" in Ontario, and the task force says 83 per cent of it takes place in the Greater Toronto Area.

The cost estimate of fraud ranges from \$768 million to \$1.56 billion in 2010, and amounts to between \$116 and \$236 per average premium paid by Ontario drivers.

The task force also wants rules changed to make it clear that insurers are required to provide claimants with a full explanation when they refuse to pay for treatment, assessment or other benefits.

It also calls on the government to reduce uncertainty and delay for those who have legitimate auto insurance claims by moving "aggressively" to address the current backlog of mediation cases before the Financial Services Commission of Ontario. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Finance Minister Dwight Duncan  
THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

## Economy. Ontario export growth to slow, Quebec's to accelerate slightly

Export Development Canada expects Ontario's export growth will slow in 2013, while Quebec is expected to post a modest increase.

Canada's export credit agency expects Ontario's exports to rise three per cent next year, a significant slowdown from the robust seven per cent growth it is forecast to post in 2012. The province's automotive sector is expected to see a strong 14 per cent gain in exports this year as Toyota and Honda ramped up production

following the tsunami that devastated parts of Japan in March 2011.

But next year, automotive export growth is expected to be around two per cent.

In Quebec, the agency calls for three per cent export growth this year and a slight bump to four per cent next year. Chief economist Peter Hall says growth is being restrained by weak prices for aluminum and iron ore and flat prices for precious metals.

**THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### Rogers TV

#### Hyde Park Santa Claus parade to be televised

The Hyde Park Santa Claus parade is Saturday. The parade leaves Sherwood Forest mall (1225 Wonderland Rd. N.) at 11 a.m. and will travel west on Gainsborough Road to just west of Prince of Wales Gate. Rogers TV will broadcast the parade Sunday at 7 p.m., Monday at 4 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. For more information, visit [hydeparklionsparade.com](http://hydeparklionsparade.com) or [rogersstv.com](http://rogersstv.com). **METRO**

### ON Communication Inc.

#### London-based advertisers win national awards

ON Communication Inc. received two awards from the Canadian Agri-Marketing Association for their marketing of BASF Canada, a company that supplies agricultural products and chemicals. The two awards were in the direct marketing or direct response advertising category, and the promotional items category. The awards were presented in Saskatoon on Nov. 15. **METRO**



London North Centre MPP Deb Matthews talks Thursday with James Giannoulis, president of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Community of London and Vicinity, before announcing the Hellenic Community Centre (133 Southdale Rd. W.) is receiving a \$500,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation's Community Capital Fund. The money will be used to expand the centre. **ANGELA MULLINS/METRO**

# Opa! Grant boosts Greek community

**\$1.34M.** Expansion of Hellenic Centre will mean more focus on 'culture'



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London's Greek community will soon have a place to display its culture and roots.

A \$1.34-million expansion to the Hellenic Community Centre will include space for a library and archives, spaces that will cement stories of some of the city's early settlers, said Jim Giannoulis.

### In other news

- **More funding.** London North Centre MP and Health Minister Deb Matthews announced \$14.3 million Thursday for the South West LHIN.
- **Hospital to home.** The money will be used largely

for programs aimed at speeding up the transition between hospital care and home care.

- **Double focus.** Part of the focus will be on patients facing mental-health issues and addictions.

"It's very important to us," said Giannoulis, president of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Community of London and Vicinity. "Right now, a lot of this stuff is stored away in people's basements."

Giannoulis and others have been dreaming of an addition to the Southdale Road West facility for years. They're expected to break ground in the spring thanks partly to a \$500,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium

Foundation's Community Capital Fund, announced Thursday.

The remainder of the price tag will be covered with money raised through community events, like the community's annual Opa Festival.

Fundraising will continue as construction starts.

"It will be nonstop for a number of years," Giannoulis said.

Including the Trillium grant, about \$1 million has been raised so far.

Along with the cultural areas, the expansion — expected to be complete by the end of 2014 — will lead to a bigger lobby, meeting space and administrative offices.

## London Food Bank getting new truck

The London Food Bank will get a new truck Friday as part of an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant program for the provincial association of food banks.

In 2009, the Ontario Association of Food Banks was awarded a \$424,600 grant over three years to create

partnerships among food producers, businesses, volunteers and local food banks to increase the supply of fresh local food available to those in need.

As a result of the grant, London, Hamilton and Ottawa will get new trucks to help with this initiative.

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The number of people served by Ontario food banks monthly.

The Ontario Association of Food Banks is a network of

120 food banks who support more than 1,100 hunger-relief agencies across the province.

Founded in 1992, the association's goal is to reduce hunger in Ontario by developing sustainable solutions that ensure the long-term health and success of communities. **METRO**



# Sleepless in Forest City

**'Store closing forever.'**  
Customer spends full night outside for Novack's, Movember



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A middle-aged man with a moustache saw the city of London from a different perspective late Wednesday night and into Thursday morning.

"One London Place, with all of the light bouncing off of it right now, is like one big starburst," said Dave Mitchell Thursday morning.

Mitchell, 38, camped outside of Novack's outfitters for 12 straight hours to pay homage to the King Street retail store. The 73-year-old business is holding a "store closing forever" liquidation sale.

Some of the equipment the IT professional brought along for the experience was purchased at Novack's. Recently, the avid adventurer travelled to Iceland.

Since he decided to refrain from sleeping — "I'm a little delusional right now" — he kept himself busy with what

he had in front of him.

He curled up when temperatures dipped below freezing. He read. He cooked. He conversed with a handful of other brave customers and tweeted through his Twitter handle, @wvrent.

"A few more people have joined the line. They think we're crazy."

A few minutes earlier, he had posted a link to his Movember page in hopes of garnering a couple bucks towards the worldwide drive to raise awareness and cash for men's physical and mental health.

By the store's opening, Mitchell was at 26 consecutive hours without sleep.

"The reason I wanted to do it in the first place was just to support the store and thank them for being a part of London," he said.

Interestingly, Mitchell didn't have a clue what he was going to purchase once the doors opened and the crowds flooded in.

"I don't know, to be honest. I am just going to see what catches my eye. I don't have a crystal ball to tell me what I'm going to do in the future, so we'll see."



Dave Mitchell sets up camp outside of Novack's at around 11 p.m. on Wednesday. JOHN MATISZ/METRO



## Extra, extra! Miracle on 34th Street musical looks for talent!

Hillary Harkes, left, portrays Susan, and Brian McKay plays the role of Kris Kringle in a scene from The Grand Theatre's *Miracle on 34th Street: the Musical*. The show, based on the award-winning film, opens Friday and continues through Dec. 30. The Grand is offering a chance for people to get involved as extras in the show by raising money for the theatre's Holiday Wish for Kids program. People who register for the opportunity must raise \$500 to be eligible for one of 42 walk-on roles as a clown in the show. For details, visit [grandtheatre.com](http://grandtheatre.com) or call 519-672-8800. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

## Tuition. Ontario launches ad campaign to promote rebates

The Ontario government is launching a \$5-million ad campaign to promote a program that offers more than \$400 million in tuition rebates to college and university students.

Two television commercials will inform post-secondary students that they may qualify for tuition rebates of up to 30 per cent.

Students with family incomes under \$160,000 can get

up to \$1,680 back on university tuitions and up to \$770 back on college tuition fees.

The two 30-second spots cost the province \$990,000 to produce, and the government will purchase \$3.8 million worth of air time on television stations.

They will begin airing immediately, will be taken off the air on Dec. 21 and resume in early January. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Sarnia. Fire chief charged with many counts of sexual assault

Sarnia's fire chief has been charged with 28 counts of sexual assault.

Patrick Martin Cayen, 54, was arrested by Sarnia police on Wednesday around noon and held in custody overnight.

Police say there are two alleged victims in the matter and the investigation is ongoing.

Cayen appeared in court

Thursday morning and was released with conditions.

A publication ban was put in place by the courts, prohibiting the time frame, location of the alleged offences and identity of the victims from being made public.

His next court date is Dec. 18.

Cayen has served as Sarnia's fire chief since October 2005. **AM980/AM980.CA**

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## Pre-emptive strike. Tories target Trudeau as poll suggests growing favour

Conservatives have launched their first concerted attack on Justin Trudeau — and a new poll may explain why.

The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey suggests the Liberal leadership front-runner's popularity is not the fleeting celebrity phenomenon that the skeptics had assumed.

It's actually increasing and has the potential to siphon off votes from all parties, including the Tories.

Forty-two per cent of respondents said they'd be certain or likely to vote Liberal in the next election if Trudeau was at the helm — enough to form a comfortable Liberal majority government.

The poll was released Thursday just as the Conservatives pounced on a two-year-old television interview to accuse Trudeau of being anti-Alberta.

In the interview with the Tele-Quebec program Les francs-tireurs, Trudeau said: "Canada isn't doing well right now because it's Albertans who control our community and socio-democratic agenda. It doesn't work."

Trudeau's campaign swiftly issued a statement accusing



Justin Trudeau GETTY IMAGES FILE

the Tories of using "out-of-context statements made years ago in a long interview" to launch a desperate "smear campaign" aimed at reviving the faltering Conservative byelection campaign in Calgary Centre.

The resurrected Trudeau quotes piled on a gaffe a day earlier by Ottawa Liberal MP David McGuinty. He resigned his shadow cabinet post as natural resources critic after saying Alberta Tory MPs are "shills" for the oil industry and should go home.

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## It's good! GG set for Grey Cup kickoff

Gov. Gen. David Johnston practices kicking a football on the grounds of Rideau Hall, the official residence of the governor general, in Ottawa, Thursday. Johnston was getting ready for the Grey Cup kickoff this Sunday.

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### Closing offices

## Bell cutting 90 Ontario jobs

Bell Canada is cutting 90 clerical and sales staff in Ontario as it closes offices and consolidates others, the union representing the workers says. The Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union said Thursday another 80 employees will also be affected by the consolidation and movement of work and may have to move to keep their jobs. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### Funding required

## Cities headed for 'infrastructure cliff': Mulcair

Tom Mulcair says Canada's municipalities are heading for an "infrastructure cliff" unless the federal government commits to long-term, stable funding to repair crumbling roads, and water and sewer systems.

And the NDP leader says that commitment must be made in the next budget in 2013, since the current Building Canada Fund is set to expire the following year. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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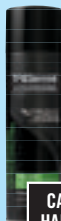
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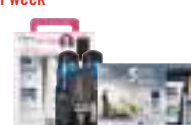
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## Phone hacking. British media set to face the music

It's judgment day for Britain's press.

After nearly 18 months of damaging revelations about widespread media misconduct, the senior judge tapped to investigate the ethics and practices of some of the English-speaking world's most powerful newspapers will deliver his verdict next Thursday.

Lord Justice Brian Leveson's inquiry was launched in response to the phone-hacking scandal at Rupert Murdoch's News of the World, where journalists routinely intercepted phone messages to obtain sensational stories and allegedly engaged in computer hacking and bribery, too.

Leveson's recommendations have been a matter of

### Government probe

A year's worth of hearings exposed a host of shady journalistic practices.

- Celebrities, crime victims and the falsely accused described feeling helpless as their privacy rights were ground to bits

intense speculation since the inquiry was ordered by Prime Minister David Cameron in July 2011. Leveson could recommend new rules for journalists, suggest a new press watchdog or simply endorse the status quo.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Italy

## Journalists' union set for protest strike

The Italian journalists' union has announced a national strike Monday to protest a proposed law that maintains a Fascist-era provision for jail time for journalists convicted of libel while reducing penal-

ties for their editors to fines.

The Senate will vote Monday on the measure, which would carry a penalty of up to one year in jail for journalists convicted of libel, while the editor in charge risks fines of \$64,000.

Parliament took up the law after a rightist editor was given a 14-month sentence for libel. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# U.K. politicians calling for new vote on women bishops



Rev. Kat Campion-Spall, an assistant curate at St. Mary's Church in Merton, southwest London, takes a break with her seven-week-old daughter Iris, during a meeting of the General Synod of the Church of England on Tuesday. YUI MOK/GETTY IMAGES

## Church of England. MPs push for action in wake of controversial vote by General Synod

The Church of England should hold another vote on women bishops as soon as possible, its representative in the House of Commons said Thursday, while some members suggested stripping the church of its exemption from sex-discrimination laws.

Legislation to permit women to become bishops was blocked in the church's governing General Synod on Tuesday, a result that has drawn harsh criticism in Parliament.

"This is not an issue which

### Quoted

"This is an issue that has to be resolved as soon as possible."

U.K. MP Tony Baldry on a recent decision by the Church of England to block women bishops.

can in any way be parked for the next couple of years or so awaiting another round of synod elections," said Tony Baldry, a member of Parliament who is officially designated to speak for the church.

Church legislation to permit women to serve as bishops failed to win the necessary two-thirds majority among lay members of the General Synod. Church officials have said it could take five years to lay the ground for another vote, but Baldry said this should not be necessary.

The church has been unable to find a formula that meets the objections of traditionalists who believe only men can be priests and bishops, without at the same time offending women by restricting their authority and status as bishops.

Frank Field, a legislator and former member of the General Synod, introduced a bill on Thursday to strip the church of its exemption from sex-discrimination laws. More drastically, there has been talk of ending the church's status as the state church governed by the monarch.

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# Gaza crisis: Both sides claim victory

**After 8 days fighting:**  
161 Palestinians killed,  
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including two soldiers  
and four civilians

Hamas leaders and thousands of flag-waving supporters declared victory over Israel on Gaza's first day of calm under an Egyptian-brokered truce Thursday, as Israeli officials flew to Cairo for talks on easing a blockade on the battered Palestinian territory.

Eight days of punishing Israeli airstrikes on Gaza and a barrage of Hamas rocket fire on Israel ended inconclusively. While Israel said it inflicted heavy damage on the militants, Gaza's Hamas rulers claimed that Israel's decision not to send in ground troops, as it had four years ago, was a sign of a new deterrent power.

The mood in Israel was mixed. Some were grateful that quiet had been restored without a ground operation that could have cost the lives of more soldiers. Others — particularly those in south-

## Side effects

- The fighting brought the Islamists unprecedented political recognition, with foreign ministers from Turkey and several Arab states visiting — a sharp contrast to Hamas' past isolation.
- Israel and the United States, even while formally sticking to a policy of shunning Hamas, also acknowledged its central role by engaging in indirect negotiations with them.
- Egypt emerged as the pivotal mediator, raising its stature as a regional power.

ern Israel hit by rockets over the past 13 years — thought the operation was abandoned too quickly.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the offensive's aims of halting Gaza rocket fire and weakening Hamas were achieved.

Despite the tough talk, the ceasefire raised hopes of a new era between Israel and Hamas. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



An Israeli soldier guides a tank to a new position at a staging area near the Gaza Strip border in southern Israel Thursday. A ceasefire agreement between Israel and the Gaza Strip's Hamas rulers took effect Wednesday night, bringing an end to eight days of fierce fighting. **LEFTERIS PITRAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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## Charter rights. Challenge to anti-terrorism tactics will see highest court

The Supreme Court of Canada will decide just how open the process should be when the federal government wants to deport a suspected terrorist from abroad.

The high court agreed Thursday to hear a challenge of the national security certificate system, a rarely used means of removing non-citizens accused of being terrorists or spies.

It will also review crucial issues related to evidence in the case of Algerian refugee Mohamed Harkat, arrested 10 years ago in Ottawa under a security certificate.

The hearing will come more than five years after the Conservative government retooled the certificate regime to make it consistent with the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The Supreme Court will rule whether those reforms went far enough.

Harkat, 44, was taken into custody in December 2002 on suspicion of being an al-Qaida agent. He denies any involvement in terrorist activities.



Mohamed Harkat THE CANADIAN PRESS

Harkat lives at home but wears an electronic tracking bracelet on his ankle, must check in with authorities regularly and cannot leave town without permission.

The person named in a security certificate receives only a summary of the case against them — stripped of supporting information — which critics say makes the process wholly unfair. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Custody battle

#### Supreme Court won't hear 'fetus abduction' case

Canada's top court has declined to hear an appeal involving an Ontario woman's right to choose where to have her baby.

The case was prompted by a mother who left Canada when she was seven months pregnant. After the baby was born in California, the father started a custody battle in Ontario.

Initially, Ontario's Superior Court agreed the dispute should be heard, saying what the mother had done was tantamount to kidnapping.

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### Multiple sclerosis

#### Tories shut down MS therapy bill

The Conservatives have used their Senate majority to kill legislation that would have authorized a national strategy to deal with a controversial therapy for multiple sclerosis.

Liberal senators say it's shameful that Bill S-204 was squelched in committee. The Conservative senators argued this is a matter for science and medicine, not Parliament.

The bill would have required a national strategy and formal trials of what is known as liberation therapy, which involves opening up blocked neck veins. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# B.C. court hears dogs were killed to be kind

**Animal cruelty.** Sled dog operator says he was forced to kill 56 dogs after company froze spending on care

A B.C. Supreme Court judge has sentenced a man to three years probation for causing unnecessary pain and suffering to nine sled dogs that died in a mass slaughter near Whistler following the Vancouver Olympics.

The court heard Thursday that the respected and passionate sled dog operator's life was shattered after the man culled dozens of huskies for their "greater good."

The devastating aftermath from the April 2010 killing was laid bare in court for the first time by Robert Fawcett's lawyer, who described how hard it was for his client to even listen to details of killing his beloved animals again.

"I will never stop feeling guilty for the suffering that the dogs endured that day," said defence lawyer Greg Diamond, quoting his client. "I feel like part of me died with those dogs."

Fawcett admitted in August to killing the dogs in a gruesome tableau over two days following a post-Olympic slump in sales. Court heard he felt forced into the decision when the owners of Howling Dog Tours put an "absolute freeze" on spending, other than for food and the bare minimum of labour.

At that point, Fawcett was working 150 hours over two weeks to care for the animals and watching their conditions deteriorate to the point where they were fighting and killing each other in their kennel.

"In part, he accepted the burden because he felt he could do it compassionately



Ingrid Katzberg attends the sentencing hearing for Robert Fawcett on Thursday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

and he did not want that burden placed on anyone else," Diamond said.

Fawcett pleaded guilty to one count of causing unnecessary pain and suffering to animals, which relates specifically to the deaths of nine dogs. More than 50 dogs were exhumed from a mass grave in May 2011 as part of a massive forensic investigation by the B.C. SPCA. Court heard most of the dogs that were shot did not suffer.

Animal euthanasia is legal in Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS



B.C. SPCA employees examine the mass grave for dogs. CONTRIBUTED/B.C. SPCA

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# Harper opts out of provincial gathering

**Halifax.** Prime minister's absence threatens to overshadow premiers' meeting on economy



Stephen Harper THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Canada's premiers are arriving in Halifax in the hopes of striking a common economic plan at a time of tepid growth and mounting debt.

But Prime Minister Stephen Harper's absence from the meeting, which begins Friday, threatens to derail that goal, a couple of them say.

"It's difficult for us to know how we can best blend our own planning in with the funding of the federal government if we don't know what their plans are," said Nova Scotia Premier

Darrell Dexter, who is hosting the meeting.

The idea for such a gathering came up during the last premiers' meeting in July, when they agreed to discuss how they could protect their provinces from a global economy in flux. That was before revised figures came out showing a higher federal deficit and growing concerns

over the possibility of the U.S. economy going over its so-called fiscal cliff at the end of next month.

The premiers invited Harper, but he declined. His office has said he has met regularly with the provincial leaders and the economy remains his prime concern, but that response hasn't sat well with a few of them.

"I think we're all disappointed that we couldn't get an opportunity to meet with the prime minister and to build a strong plan for economic growth together," Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty said earlier this week. "We'll see what we can do by way of a concerted effort."

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## Setback for a Sea King

A Sea King helicopter sits grounded after making an unscheduled landing near a shopping complex in Bedford, N.S., on Thursday afternoon. The helicopter was forced to make the emergency landing after it experienced problems with its hydraulics, the Department of National Defence said.

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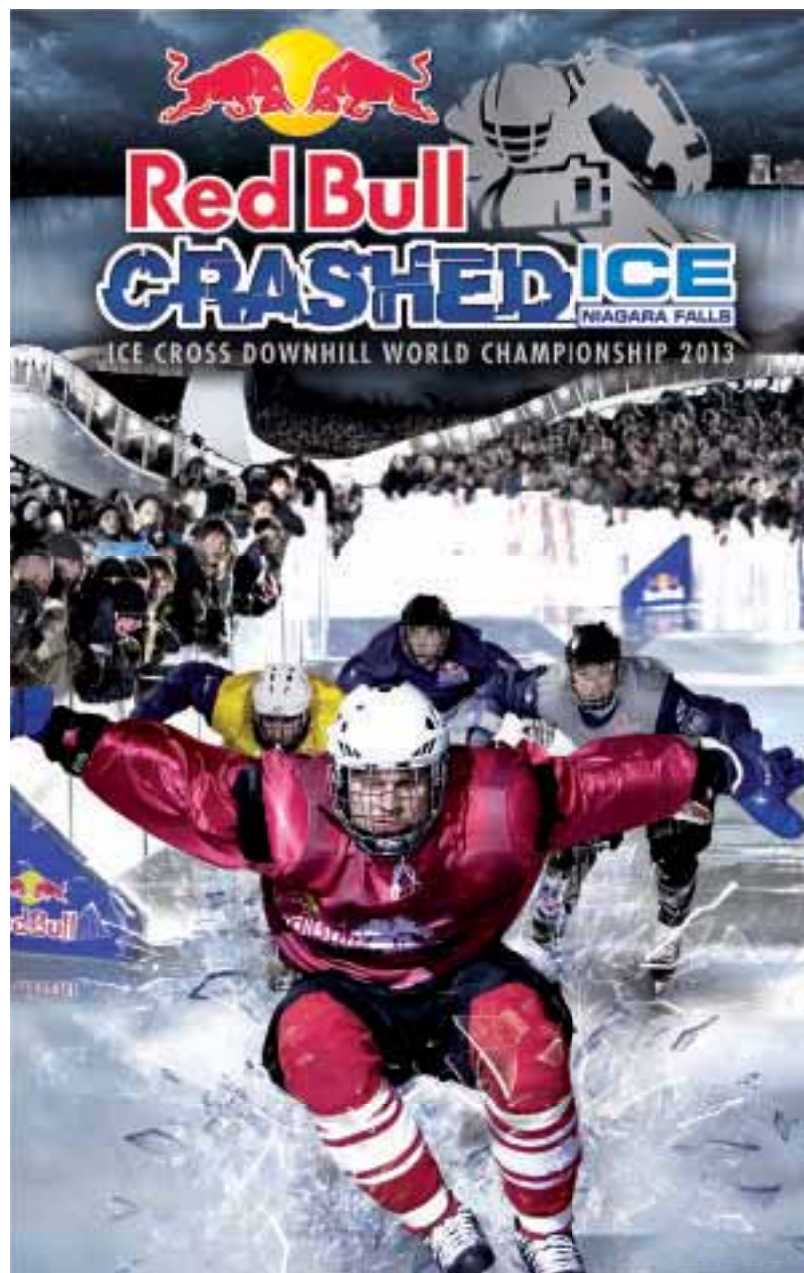
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## RIM. Shares jump on analyst's upbeat outlook

Shares in Research In Motion were up more than 17 per cent Thursday, continuing positive momentum after a National Bank Financial analyst said he was increasing his price target for the BlackBerry maker.

Analyst Kris Thompson said he's boosting his target to \$15 per share. "We think there is more money to be made ahead of the 2013 launch of BB10," Thompson said in a research note.

On the Toronto Stock Exchange, RIM shares were up \$1.77, or 17.3 per cent, to close at \$12.

Thompson noted that RIM's new management team is maintaining the BlackBerry smartphone subscriber base, managing costs and cash, and

### BB10

- RIM's new BlackBerry 10 operating system — which will be unveiled at a Jan. 30 event along with its new line of smartphones — is widely considered a make-or-break product launch for the Waterloo smartphone maker.

seemingly readying a February 2013 BB10 global product release, a month earlier than expected. "We expect momentum to continue," he said.

Thompson said an earlier launch will be beneficial to Research In Motion.

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# Beker injects some attitude into plus-size clothing

**Retail.** Fashion guru's capsule collection for Addition Elle aims to fill gap in market

With a sister and childhood friend who are both plus-sized, the lament about a lack of stylish options for full-figured women was one Jeanne Beker has heard plenty.

"My whole life growing up I heard those kinds of complaints and the kinds of frustration that they were going through," the longtime fashion and media maven and Metro columnist said in an interview.

"Everything just seemed so 'missy,' or people were complaining about the kinds of prints that they were being offered, and they weren't being offered a lot of that same attitude that we saw in the regular-sized lines. Now, it's all coming together."

Beker will be putting her own sartorial stamp on fashions for fuller-figured women through a partnership with



Jeanne Beker, left, with a model wearing items from the Edit by Jeanne Beker for Addition Elle capsule collection, which will arrive in stores next April. ADDITION ELLE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Quoted

"There really has been a void in the (plus-size) market I think for clothes that just were sophisticated in a sense, but with a hip kind of maybe edge to them; like a kind of attitude we weren't seeing." Jeanne Beker

Addition Elle.

The style columnist and Fashion Television Channel host teamed up with the retailer on a plus-size capsule collection. The collaboration

will bring extended sizing of the Edit by Jeanne Beker line to Addition Elle stores starting next spring.

Edit by Jeanne Beker launched at the Bay in 2010,

### Collection

- The 19-piece capsule collection will feature fashions ranging in size from 14 to 24 with items priced between \$69.99 and \$139.99.
- The debut spring line will arrive at 50 Addition Elle stores across Canada next April.

a line she envisioned as essentials to be mixed and matched and serve as the "bare bones" of a woman's wardrobe.

Beker said about two seasons into the creation of Edit, they made a foray into the plus-size market. While some of the pieces "would just fly off the rack," she said others weren't resonating to the same degree.

"We started thinking: 'You know, what are we doing wrong?' because the regular-sized line is doing so well.... And what we realized was that some pieces just don't translate." THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Canadian homes slightly more affordable in third quarter

Royal Bank says the cost of home ownership became more affordable in the most recent quarter due to a modest decline in home prices and gains in Canadian household incomes.

RBC's affordability index for a detached bungalow stood at 42 per cent of income nationally in the second quarter.

That means an owner would need to spend 42 per cent of pre-tax annual income to pay for mortgage

### Mortgage rules

- RBC notes that Canada's housing market cooled further in the third quarter partially because of the effects of a fourth round of rule changes to government-backed mortgage insurance.

payments, utilities and property taxes — one percentage point lower than in

the second quarter of 2012.

The index fell even more for two-storey homes, by 1.2 percentage points to 47.8 per cent, and eased 0.6 percentage points to 28 per cent for condos.

The bank, which publishes the index on a quarterly basis, says ultra low interest rates have been the key factor in keeping affordability levels from reaching dangerous levels in recent years.

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### StatsCan figures

### Retail sales rise for third straight month

Statistics Canada reported retail sales edged up in September, helped by improved sales of new cars, but fell short of expectations amid increasing signs of economic uncertainty.

Sales were up 0.1 per cent to \$39.1 billion in September, the third straight monthly increase, but well short of the 0.5 per cent consensus expectations of economists.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Supreme Court ruling

### Pfizer reduces price of Viagra

Pfizer Canada says it's reducing the price of Viagra, bringing the cost in line with generic versions.

The move follows a ruling from the Supreme Court of Canada that invalidated the Viagra patent held by the pharmaceutical giant. The Nov. 8 decision threw open Canada's market for generic erectile dysfunction drugs.

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**1** **Snack attack:** Newly-defunct Hostess Brands Inc., who brought you Twinkies and Ding Dongs, is liquidating its assets. Major competitor Flower Foods saw

their stock rise amid rumours they may acquire parts of Hostess' business. They are especially optimistic about states with legalized marijuana.

**2** **Stay tuned:** CBC has asked the CRTC to ease regulations so they can respond to changing technological demands. Details of the proposal were missed by CRTC members struggling to adjust the coat hangers on their antennae.

**3** **Quantum leap:** Astronomers have discovered a new planet thought to be 13 times larger than Jupiter, and 2.5 times the mass of the sun. So my question is, how did we miss this? Thank you for making my fourth grade science teacher look like a putz.

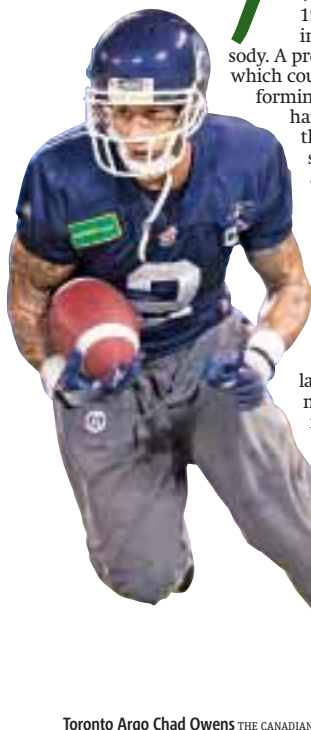
**4** **Swift reaction:** Apparently, Taylor Swift was not amused by jokes of her breakup at the CMAs, marking the point that comes for all celebrities when they begin taking themselves too seriously. Imagine joking publicly about a song based on her private relationship that, over the last three months, has been played more than the national anthem. Well, I never, ever, ever...

**5** **Love hurts.** Last July in Florida, a 72-year-old husband was stabbed in the arm by his 27-year-old wife after accusing her of cheating (you don't say). Now separated, Brygida Scheffler told police she's seen her ex drive by her home, and believes he is stalking her. Maciej Nowicki says he did not "intentionally" follow her. He probably just forgot where he lived ... and that she stabbed him!

**6** **100th Grey Cup.** The Toronto Argos play host to the Calgary Stampeders on Sunday, and people from coast to coast are pumped for this historic event. The game will feature performances by everyone from Burton Cummings and Gordon Lightfoot to Justin Bieber and Carly Rae Jepsen. The only drawback is that we'll have to hear Call Me Maybe one more freakin' time.

**7** **We Will Rock You.** This week in 1975, rock band Queen was No. 1 in the U.K. with Bohemian Rhapsody. A promotional video was released, which could also be used to avoid performing the complex, studio-perfected harmonies. Musicologists call this the first music video ever. The song was No. 1 for nine weeks, and rose again in 1991 after singer Freddie Mercury died, becoming the first song to make No. 1 twice with one version. At almost six minutes long, record execs said it would never be a hit.

**8** **Best medicine.** Living with illness is never fun, but laughing about it can't hurt. Well, maybe it can, but Julie Devaney risks it in her new book, *My Leaky Body*, and she is touring the country sharing her experiences in the most entertaining way. Her next stop is the Crohn's and Colitis symposium in Halifax on Sunday, followed by Vancouver, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Kingston and Montreal. For details, check out [myleakybody.com](http://myleakybody.com).



Toronto Argos Chad Owens THE CANADIAN PRESS

## OK computer, say hello to 2012



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### Digital devices

#### Fossilized hardware resuscitated

The world's oldest original working digital computer has been rebooted after lying forgotten in storage for 20 years.

The 61-year-old Harwell Dekatron (a.k.a. Witch) computer has clattered back into action at The National Museum of Computing, based at Bletchley Park, Buckinghamshire, England, after a three-year restoration project. **METRO**

### Number crunching

#### Designed to be reliable, but not fast

The machine — one of a dozen in the world — was first used in the 1950s at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment in Oxfordshire for mathematical modelling.

It has survived over the last six decades while its contemporaries have been recycled or destroyed. The computer took up to 10 seconds to multiply two numbers, but still mustered 80 hours of running time in a week. **METRO**

### How they compare

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Just was at the retirement home & received the most attention ever .... Best compliment 'You are the cutest thing I've ever seen' #ballin

**@loraliepaddock:**  
What a beauty day in #Idnont. Children have undone buttons on

their overcoats. And we menopausal women are again in sundresses and sandals

**@379\_Deanne:**  
I'm going to be doing up my annual local shopping list soon. What are your local must haves/must shops for the holidays? #Idnont

**@kaystarxo:**  
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# Films to occupy in the zombie off-season

**Bye, bye brain eaters.** With *The Walking Dead* season drawing to an end, the Reel Guys offer some undead suggestions

**Richard:** Mark, several episodes from this season's *Walking Dead* were among the best television of the year. It owes a HUGE debt to George A. Romero's classic *Night of the Living Dead*, but I still watch even though it gives me weird dreams every Sunday night. To calm my jangled nerves, I've been checking out zombie comedies like *Shaun of the Dead* and *Cemetery Man*. Everyone knows *Shaun*, but *Cemetery's* weird story is worth a look. Are you a zombie fan?

**Mark:** Depends on the zombie, Richard. I didn't get a chance to catch up with the *Walking Dead* series because I was too busy watching the brainwashed terrorist zombies in *Homeland*. A different kind of zombie, to be sure, but zombies all the same. I think the faster the zombies move, the more I like the movie. Those slow-walking, arms-outstretched flesh eaters aren't that different than most of the clubbers I see at closing time on Saturday nights. I've never seen *Cemetery Man*, but it looks interesting. Thanks for the tip.

**RC:** The whole slow-moving zombies versus fast-moving zombies debate is an argument for the ages. I guess I'm a traditionalist. I like the Romero zombie, the bumbling undead who mindlessly and relentlessly keep hunting for braaaains.

*Dawn of the Dead*, *I Walked with a Zombie* and Lucio Fulci's *Zombi* are masterpieces of the slow shuffle. You might like the remake of *Dawn of the Dead*. Man those zombies can run!

**MB:** I did like that one, along with *Zombieland*, *Dead Snow* (Nazi zombies, what's not to like?), and the zombie comedy (zomcom?) *Fido* starring Billy Connelly as a kindly zombie. But the big question in all the zombie films is: How do you get away from a zombie? Well, it seems that the meat that tastes closest to human flesh is pig! So I say, when confronted with a pack of zombies, let loose the porkers!

**RC:** Good advice. I'd add another zombie apocalypse tip I picked up from the movie *Zombieland*. You are at your most vulnerable while sitting

Synopsis

As *The Walking Dead* shambles toward its season finale in December, the Reel Guys suggest some infectious zombie movies to keep you entertained until the show lumbers back to air next year.

on the toilet, so hold it as long as you can. Also, having a machine gun where your leg used to be, à la Rose McGowan in *Planet Terror*, can be very useful.

**MB:** I'm old school, Richard. I prefer having both legs to utilize the strategy of actually running away. And remember, when being chased by a zombie, you don't have to be the fastest runner, just faster than the guy behind you.

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# Movie makeup transformations

Critics love it when hot actors get by on more than their looks.

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The movie poster for *Only God Forgives* is an enigma.

It's a headshot of Ryan Gosling, yet one that no starstruck teen would ever swoon over. His mug appears beaten to a pulp and his left eye is as swollen shut as it would be after a round in the Octagon with Georges St-Pierre. Can you smell an Oscar?

Critics can't get enough of attractive thespians getting beaten with the ugly stick for art's sake.

It certainly worked for these actors who garnered big-time kudos for keeping their good looks on the down low.



**Rooney Mara**

*Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*

Pre GWTDT Rooney was a fresh-face with an alluring yet ubiquitous girl-next-door vibe. Dodging Freddie Krueger in the *Nightmare on Elm Street* remake and tearing Mark Zuckerberg a new one in *The Social Network* as the future Facebook billionaire's soon to be ex-girlfriend, she didn't exactly spellbind.

Then Mara chopped off her locks and transformed from a generic Hollywood hottie into an androgynous goth hacker with bleached eyebrows and piercings aplenty — a brunette version of Die Antwoord's Yolandi Visser. Suddenly we couldn't take our eyes off of her.

CASHING IN: NOMINATED FOR AN OSCAR, GOLDEN GLOBE AND MTV MOVIE AWARD.



**Felicity Huffman**  
*Transamerica*

Huffman had already scored an Emmy for playing Lynette Scavo on *Desperate Housewives*, but to ensure she wasn't forever typecast as a harried suburban soccer mom, in *Transamerica* she reshuffled her image.

To conceal her gender as a woman playing a preoperative male-to-female transsexual, Huffman dons a dumpy wig, unflattering lavender pantsuits and poorly applied make up.

Plus, she exposed the most talked about prosthetic penis in film since Mark Wahlberg's *Boogie Nights* reveal.

CASHING IN: NOMINATED FOR AN OSCAR, AND WON A GOLDEN GLOBE AND INDEPENDENT SPIRIT AWARD.



**Charlize Theron**  
*Monster*

The sultry South African beauty was virtually unrecognizable as a butch John-murdering prostitute. She packed on thirty pounds, hid her dazzling green eyes behind dark colored contact lenses and wore yellowed false teeth for the role.

To complete the cruel transition from glamazon to frumpy real-life serial killer, Theron swapped her A-list complexion in for a pasty mottled mess and shaved her eyebrows.

She also let stylists make her normally lustrous hair look in desperate need of a salon.

CASHING IN: "ONE OF THE GREATEST PERFORMANCES IN THE HISTORY OF CINEMA," RAVED ROGER EBERT, AND HE WASN'T ALONE. THERON WON A MANTLE'S WORTH OF MOVIE STAR HARDWARE FOR *MONSTER*, INCLUDING AN OSCAR AND A GOLDEN GLOBE.



**Brad Pitt**

*The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*

How do you turn a perennial topper of world's sexiest man lists into a wrinkly octogenarian? It took literally two years just to get the eye system component of the CGI wizardry that turned Pitt into a prune faced nursing home denizen working properly and nine months dedicated to writing the software articulation program for the computer generated tongue. For the first hour of the movie, the digitally rendered composite of an aged Pitt was seamlessly plopped onto various body actors.

While many reviewers bemoaned the three-hour run time of this majestic yarn as yawningly long, Pitt's performance as the age reversing titular character drew almost universal admiration.

CASHING IN: NOMINATED FOR AN OSCAR, SCREEN ACTORS GUILD, GOLDEN GLOBE, AND TEEN CHOICE AWARD.



**Cameron Diaz**  
*Being John Malkovich*

Diaz's typically exquisite tresses have been a focal point in previous films.

In *There's Something About Mary* her hairstyle is front and centre in the infamous scene where Diaz mistakes a glob of Ben Stiller's nerve nullifying pre-date deposit for hair gel.

As John Cusack's homely animal hoarding wife in this surreal Spike Jonze black comedy, we once again can't help but stare at her bob — a straggly, frizzy mess of a do. We wonder if the same smiling, leggy beauty we all know and love is really under that nest and dowdy clothes.

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## Smashed

Director. James Ponsoldt

Stars. Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Aaron Paul, Octavia Spencer

Smashed is a clear-headed look at drunkenness. Mary Elizabeth Winstead and Aaron Paul play a couple on a slow climb to the bottom, watching their lives stagger by through the bottom of a pint glass. It's given a brutally honest (though often funny) depiction of people who don't realize they have a problem until it is too late. By then their world is crumbling, and it is heartbreaking to watch two people in love separated by the pull of a vodka bottle. It's a well acted, compelling and sobering portrait of a person in crisis.

RICHARD CROUSE



Twilight's mysterious Volturi provide plenty of spinoff potential. HANDOUT

# Twilight's tale to get more screen time?

## Spinoff speculation.

The last film in the series has hit theatres, and the Twilight team won't dismiss rumours of another installment

The thing about vampires is they live forever.

And so now that the blockbuster Twilight saga has unleashed its sprawling finale, it's only fitting that speculation runs rampant about a spinoff that could keep the franchise undead for a little while longer.

Vampire-playing cast mates Daniel Cudmore and Charlie Bewley sure don't mind stirring up rumours with their own suggestions of life after Breaking Dawn — Part 2, and not surprisingly it involves more adventures for their mysterious side characters.

"You do wonder what will happen once this is all said and done," says Bewley, who plays Demetri, a member of an ancient ruling clan known as the Volturi.

"(There are) lots of willing people ready to start new subsidiaries of this saga, so that's just down to Lionsgate/Summit, (author) Stephenie Meyer and whoever's in the reckoning."

Last weekend's blockbuster debut came with whispers of possible ways for the supernatural series to live on. Screenwriter Melissa Rosenberg stirred the pot last month with a Facebook poll asking which vampire clan should get a spinoff and stars Robert Pattinson and Taylor Lautner each said they'd be open to a followup. Meyer, meanwhile, has reportedly said she's got plenty of story ideas but dismissed notions anything solid is in the works.

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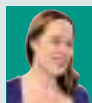
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## The Word



### Bieber and Gomez trying to iron out kinks in relationship



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Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez are actually back together and trying desperately to make their relationship work amid all the public scrutiny, a source close to the pair tells Radar Online. "The

problem between them stemmed from Justin texting other girls," the source explains. "Selena is embarrassed by what he did because it makes her look stupid, that he would talk to these other girls, and she is also embarrassed that everyone is so invested in their relationship now because of his actions." And as for their dinner date in L.A. last week that ended with Gomez storming out? "There was no blow-up," the source says. "Selena is just super-embarrassed by all of this attention, and she got upset when they sat down and people were staring and pulling out their cellphones."



## Twitter



@EvaLongoria

Omg, this white/grey owl just landed on my balcony 5 feet away from me! Doesn't that symbolize something??!!



@ParisJackson

Can they make a settings for when you type on an iphone it makes a typewriter clicking sound and when you send a text it goes "cha-ching"



@EmWatson

I never feel so accomplished as when I open a tough jar.



Kristen Stewart

### Craig gives Stewart Bond girl blessing

When asked if she'd be interested in playing a Bond girl, Twilight star Kristen Stewart gave an emphatic, "Yes, hell yeah!" But not so fast, young lady. You have to get by Daniel Craig first. "No, she's in Twilight," Craig says during an interview in Australia. But he quickly laughed, clarifying, "I've no problem with Kristen, I'm being nasty. I'm only saying that because (Breaking Dawn — Part 2) is coming out this weekend. We're in direct competition with them. And I'm sure she'd make a great Bond girl."

Lindsay Lohan as Elizabeth Taylor

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### Swift flirtations from Taylor and Harry Styles

As rumours emerge that Taylor Swift and One Direction member Harry Styles are dating, new details are coming out about their flirt-filled meeting at an X Factor rehearsal earlier this month. "They lit up when they saw each other," a source tells Us Weekly, add-

ing that the pair spent most of the day together and that Swift "was a puppy dog" with Styles. And after being spotted walking hand-in-hand on set, the boy band star opted for a dramatic exit: "Harry picked her up and carried her to the trailer," the source says.

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# Maple Bacon Butter Pizza: Foodie touchdown

**Grey Cup snacks.** This delicious pizza has the perfect Canadian touch for the big game

Predictably, the Internet abounds with recipes for pizza made with maple-cured bacon. But to truly take it to the next level — and make it uniquely Canadian — maple syrup is involved, as is an ample helping of butter to keep things interesting.

The result is this Maple Bacon Butter Pizza, which is refreshingly simple. A basic crust topped first with mozzarella, then cooked bacon, then more mozzarella and finally dollops of maple compound butter (made by blending softened butter with granulated maple sugar) is all it takes.

1. Heat the oven to 500 F. Lightly coat a baking sheet with cooking spray.

2. In a small bowl, mix together the butter and maple sugar until well blended. Set aside.

3. On a lightly floured surface, carefully roll out the pizza dough to about a 14-inch circle. You may need to use your hands to stretch the

## Ingredients

- 3 tbsp butter, softened
- 3 tbsp granulated maple sugar
- 20-oz ball prepared pizza dough, room temperature
- 1 cup grated mozzarella cheese
- 12 oz bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 8-oz ball fresh mozzarella, sliced



This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

dough if rolling alone doesn't work. Transfer the dough to the prepared baking sheet.

4. Sprinkle grated mozzarella cheese evenly over the dough. Top the mozzarella with the bacon, distributing

it evenly over the pizza. Arrange the slices of fresh mozzarella over the bacon. Using 2 spoons, scoop and dollop the maple sugar butter evenly over the pizza. The dollops do not need to be spread; they will melt in the oven.

5. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes, or until the crust is puffed and browned and the cheese at the centre of the pizza is lightly browned. Let the pizza rest for 5 minutes before slicing.

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## Liquid Assets

### A hint of Canadiana



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Time sure flies when you're sniffing, sipping and spitting (well, mostly) to please readers. I should know. This is my 200th Liquid Assets column for Metro.



I'm not the only one acknowledging a major milestone this weekend. On Sunday, The Grey Cup is raising a glass in celebration of a century of guys tossing a football back and forth.

I admit I don't know much about the game. What I do know is whisky, and the anniversary-inspired Gibson's Finest 100th Grey Cup Limited Edition (\$29.95 to \$33.29) will put an all-Canadian flavour profile (along with a touch of maple goodness) into your glass.

After a few failed attempts to infuse established whiskies from its portfolio with the sweet stuff, Gibson's official Malt Master created a special blend that includes maple syrup as part of the recipe.

The finished spirit is relaxed and soothing with a soft, smoky aroma that releases hints of tropical fruits and caramel. In the mouth, a rich expression of malt is massaged by an undercurrent of vanilla and just a whisper of maple sugar that makes it an ideal whisky to sip on while watching the big game. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

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## A Richmond Row Christmas

Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. there will be an old-fashioned Christmas walk happening on Richmond Row. Organized by the Richmond Row Business Association, the 11th annual walk will feature carollers making the rounds and Santa Claus with his sleigh and a live reindeer at the corner of Richmond and Angel streets. Bal-lots will be available at participating business to enter a draw to win one of 34 prizes donated by Richmond Row vendors, and many businesses on the strip will be offering independent promotions. Photo courtesy of Brad Scrinko.



## Aeolian Art

On Wednesday, Aeolian Hall (795 Dundas St. E.) will be opening its holiday art exhibition. The show will welcome back 27 artists whose work has been shown at the Aeolian throughout 2012. Each artist will have one piece on display and available for sale. A free opening reception will be held Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., with refreshments, a cash bar, and opportunities to meet the artists. 30 per cent of proceeds from art sales will go to the Aeolian Hall Musical Arts Association. The show runs to January 20. Photo courtesy of Darin Addison.



## Thrash Tavern

On Saturday, Orillia progressive thrash metal band Adreneochrome will be playing at the Richmond Tavern (372 Richmond St.) along with Mutual Execution, Vimana, Anathematized and Nihilism. This month, Adreneochrome released its debut EP, Hideous Appetites, a record rooted in traditional thrash metal influences like Metallica and Pantera with prog elements recalling Protest the Hero. Show starts at 9 p.m. No cover, 19+. Photo by William Smart.



## Diamond Rings

Synth-pop up-and-comer Diamond Rings will be playing at Call The Office (216 York St.) on Wednesday. The Canadian artist, also known as John O'Regan, has had a whirlwind month — since the release of his second album, Free Dimensional, in October, he has made appearances on the stages of both David Letterman and Jay Leno — this may be your last chance to see him in a venue as intimate as CTO. Doors open at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$12 advance and \$15 at the door, 19+. Photo courtesy of Beth Cavanagh.



## Big Wreck Theory

Big Wreck and Theory of a Deadman will perform at Centennial Hall (550 Wellington St.) on Tuesday. After a long hiatus, Big Wreck released its first album, Albatros, in more than a decade earlier this year. It has received widespread praise, landing the band the 2012 CASBY Awards for Favourite New Album and Favourite New Single for the title track. The show is at 8 p.m. and tickets start at \$43.75 and are available at centennialhall.london.ca. Photo courtesy of Alycia McComb.



## Miracle on Richmond Street

If you're in need of some Christmas cheer, look no further than the Grand Theatre, which this week launched its production of Miracle on 34th Street. The musical adaptation of the classic movie tells the story of a department store Santa Claus who claims to be the real deal. The show runs until Dec. 30. Tickets start at \$31.64 and are available at tickets.grandtheatre.com. Image courtesy Julie Bell.

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Get in touch with your creative side this holiday season with a brand new camera.

Whether you are planning on simply updating your Facebook profile picture or blackmailing the neighbour with some racy photos, there's a camera out there to suit everyone's needs. Take a look at these fun photo gift ideas.

## Nikon D7000 (body only) — \$849

This 16.2-megapixel DSLR camera is ideal for the professional photographer on your list. With a 0.13-second startup and 50ms shutter lag, this powerhouse is ready to go when you are. The D7000 is capable of shooting six frames per second for up to 100 shots, and can be used to record full 1080p video with auto-focus. Remember, lenses cost extra.

## Panasonic Lumix DMC-ZS20 — \$349

A user-friendly entry level camera with incredible zoom capabilities. Despite its shallow body, this 14-megapixel camera comes equipped with a wide-angle 20X optical zoom lens. Seventeen

scene modes ensure you get the best picture under any lighting condition, while semi-manual and manual modes are there for those who like to tinker. If you are feeling really creative you can snap 3-D photos, which can be fun if you own a 3-D TV.

## Olympus Tough TG-1 iHS — \$399

It's one of the most rugged cameras on the market. Shock-proof, freeze-proof, dust-proof; you can take photos in the most extreme conditions, even 40 feet underwater. Tired of shooting still photos? Turn this 12-megapixel camera into a camcorder and shoot 1080p HD video. The camera is also equipped with GPS, so location and landmark information will be recorded with every image you snap.

## Lytro — \$399.99

The Lytro camera lets you create living pictures you can explore. This



Nikon D7000 (body only) — \$849

Jelly Camera Phone Filters — \$15, below left, Epson Stylus Pro 3880 Inkjet Printer — \$1,020, below right.



unique looking camera records the entire light field so you can refocus a picture even after it has been taken. Post a picture online and watch as your friends explore your photos by changing the focal point. There's no other camera like it.

## Epson Stylus Pro 3880 Inkjet Printer — \$1,020

Print extravagant photos right at home. This high-end printer from Epson uses pig-

ment ink for vivid, bold colours. Print on simple photo paper or take your projects to the next level by printing on a variety of specialty papers including fibre paper, art boards and even canvas. This printer also has the ability to print large 17x22-inch images.

## iPhone Shutter Remote — \$40

Take photos on your iPhone from up to 30 feet away. This neat little remote controls your smartphone via Bluetooth so you will never miss being in a picture ever again. Works with iPod Touch, iPad, and even the new iPhone 5.

## Jelly Camera Phone Filters — \$15

These tiny keychain sized lenses add cool effects to the photos you snap on your smartphone. Choose from starburst, kaleidoscope or wide angle. Each lens sticks to your phone with a gummy ring, which is reusable. They also come with keychain loops so you can hook them onto practically anything.



Clockwise, from right, iPhone Shutter Remote — \$40, Panasonic Lumix DMC-ZS20 — \$349, Lytro — \$399.99, Olympus Tough TG-1 iHS — \$399.

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## Budget. Spending tips for the shopping season



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Here are the ways we blow our holiday budgets, and tips on how to avoid it.

### Budget? What budget?

The holidays are fun but can be expensive too, says Mike Henry, Scotiabank's senior vice-president of retail payments, deposits and lending. "Plan ahead for the extra spending by budgeting a certain amount." Decide who you're going to buy for and how much you can spend.

### Budget for gifts only

Don't forget to include entertaining and other holiday expenses such as outside lights, postage costs and wrapping paper in your budget.

### Guess that everyone will love the gift you choose

Research ahead of time (ask friends and family) so that you have a good idea of what each person might like. When you're at a complete loss, gift cards are great, says Cathie Mostowyk, president, Shoestring Shopping Guide.

### Worry about everyone

Consider exchanging names in your family so you are buying one great gift rather than several. Or go in together as a group to buy a large item for someone.

### Wander around a mall

That's usually a waste of time, says Mostowyk. Research gift ideas, websites and stores so you know what to buy ahead of time.

### Bring kids when you shop

Shop by yourself so you stay focused. Leave the coat in the car and take a bottle of water, says Mostowyk.

### Buy all the gifts you give

Get creative, says Stephanie Holmes-Winton, CEO of the moneyfinder.ca and a member of Advocis, the Financial Advisors Association of Canada. Wrap up all the ingredients for Christmas cookies along with the recipe.

### Lose track

Keep track of spending over the holidays with online or mobile banking, says Henry. Use services such as Scotiabank's InfoAlert, which alerts customers by text or email when their balance dips below a certain amount.

# Grrreat gifts for Fido and Mittens

**Furry friends.** Your best pal deserves a holiday treat too



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Celebrate the season by wrapping up something nice for your four-legged friends! Here are lots of great ideas.

### Give to Animals in Need – Fido will Approve

Giving time or money to a shelter or another worthy animal cause is a wonderful gift. Contact pet shelters near you or make a donation to an animal charity. Here are a few ideas: the World Society for the Protection of Animals (wspa.ca); Canadian Dachshund Rescue (weinerdogrescue.com); The Humane Society of Canada (humane-society.com).

### Homemade You Say

Pet Network show producer Jen Mitchell Oddi created a recipe for yummy Elvis Dog Treats that features what else but peanut butter and banana, which the King himself loved. For the favourite pooch in your life, wrap up half a dozen and put them under the tree on Christmas morning. Find this recipe on her blog, mydogsbreakfast.com — search for "Elvis Treats."

**'Catch The Mouse' Cat Game**  
Turn your iPad into a cat toy? While it sounds a little crazy, it's actually great fun for cats and their owners.

This game features a cute little orange mouse that runs around the screen. There are sound effects (the mouse squeaks) and if you don't like an orange mouse on black, change the colour of the background or the mouse. The app costs 99 cents at [itunes.apple.com/ca/app/catch-the-mouse-cat-game/id423287711?mt=8](http://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/catch-the-mouse-cat-game/id423287711?mt=8)

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### Fun and Floss

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### Fill a Stocking Just for Your Pet

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# DVDs, Blu-rays and box sets — Oh my!



**KEITH  
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For Metro

Whether it's for that special someone or to round out your own collection, Blu-rays and DVDs are always a wise choice come holiday season. Let's face it: Who's about to pass on hours of entertainment from the comfort of the family sofa?

At that, there are a multitude of films, documentaries and television series releases at this time of year. A few options:

## **Dark Knight Rises** (Warner Home Video)

Eight years after his last tussle with The Joker, we find



Batman up against a new nemesis. Garnering plenty of acclaim, this action flick's home video release finds the Blu-ray treated to a 1080p transfer with 5.1 DTS-HD Master Audio, an hour's worth of IMAX footage and more. The DVD will feature an anamorphic widescreen presentation, 5.1 Dolby Digital audio, an UltraViolet copy of the film and The Journey of Bruce Wayne featurette.



## **Ted** (Universal)

Easily one of the year's more surprising — if not altogether shocking — movies, Family Guy creator Seth MacFarlane's Ted focuses on a "foul-mouthed, hard-partying teddy bear and his 35-year-old best friend." Starring the likes of Mark Wahlberg, Mila Kunis and Giovanni Ribisi, it's no wonder Ted was No. 1 at the box office. Combining the Blu-ray, DVD, digital and UltraViolet versions along with extras such as a gag reel, deleted scenes, making-of featurettes, a commentary and more, it might be raunchy but it's quite rousing.



## **Seeking A Friend For The End Of The World** (Focus Features)

A touch oddball but entirely endearing, this rom-com starring Steve Carell and Keira Knightley is a perfect reason to pull that loved one closer. Realizing he is alone at the end of the world, Carell searches out his estranged wife with the assistance of a neighbour. Interestingly, her good intentions turn into a rather large monkey wrench.

## **Bond 50: Celebrating Five Decades of James Bond** (MGM)

For the truly dedicated fan, this bold Blu-ray collection



## **The Simpsons Season 15** (20th Century Fox Home Entertainment)

Need something a little lighter on the brain but no less entertaining? The family known to every corner of the globe issues its 15th season just in time for, well, wasting time. Initially airing circa 2003, this release is packed with 22 episodes over four discs and a plethora of extras including deleted scenes, featurettes and Blu-ray-only extra episodes.

## **ParaNorman** (Alliance)

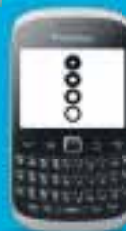
In this animated feature, a small town is overrun with zombies. It's up to geeky local boy Norman to save everyone. Able to converse with the dead, it's his task to eliminate the hordes of ghosts, witches and the like. Packed with a Blu-ray, DVD and Digital copy — all relayed in 3-D — it's a fun flick for the whole family.



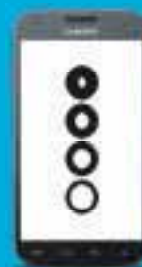
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# Much cooler than an MP3 gift card



Downloading is clearly a fast and easy means of garnering the latest, greatest pieces of aural majesty.

Still, when it comes to festive times, no credit card-sized gift certificate offering musical megabytes comes close to stuffing a stocking or stirring excitement quite like a tangible CD or box set. It's with this means of piling up presents under the tree that we offer some suggestions for sating melodic enthusiasts.

For most people, folk rock tends to be a rather safe bet and who better to place odds on than Canucks Great Big Sea? Issuing their XX (Warner) box set just in time for the holidays, the package showcases two albums (Rogue Waves and CBC Key Note) as well as the Meet Great Big Sea DVD, 104-page bound book, calendar, two posters, two lyric sheets, postcard, souvenir laminates and stickers.

For a little more twang, country folk fans might appreciate Toby Keith's latest Hope On The Rocks (Universal). To go the extra mile, try the deluxe edition featuring

remixes and live versions of tracks. Overall, it's an album the artist himself wryly described to Billboard Magazine as "the same stuff I usually do." Now there's a sales point.

Tipping one's hat to the essence of soul, chanteuse Bettye LaVette's latest work Thankful N' Thoughtful (ANTI) has kicked up plenty of smoke in its mere two-plus months on the shelves. Then again, with 50 years in the business, LaVette knows her way around a solid tune.

Some other gents

with their own aesthetic marvel and lengthy time belting out blues-fuelled ditties, ZZ Top issue their first full-length in nine years. Dubbed La Futura (American), it's packed with that self-proclaimed "Little Ol' Band From Texas" at its finest.

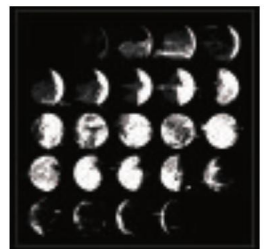
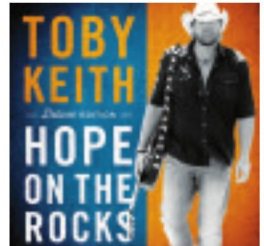
Speaking of finest, national treasure Neil Young assembles his beloved Crazy Horse crew for Psychedelic Pill (Warner), their first onslaught of warble-throated originals in a full-on decade. With nine tracks clocking in at 85 minutes, it's sure to satisfy even the most diehard Young freak.

For something far more upbeat, consider positively charged anthem-rock vocalist Andrew W.K.'s 10th anniversary

edition of legendary debut I Get Wet (Century Media). Available in three versions, its features range from a simple double CD to two-album gatefold LP boasting bonus tracks and 20-page full-colour booklet. For devout fans, there's even a 500-copy limited collectors edition replete with autographed booklet and either a lock of W.K.'s hair, a piece of his signature white jeans or an autographed plane ticket from his 2012 world tour.

Those looking to tide over the more anodized music fans on their gift lists would do well to check out metal-lions As I Lay Dying's sixth studio effort Awakened (Metal Blade) as an option. Peaking at No. 11 on the Billboard charts, it clearly hasn't steered many headbangers wrong.

Finally, as the lines between punk rock and heavy metal become further blurred, hardcore mainstays Converge shatter all previous expectations via latest Epitaph Records release All We Love We Leave Behind. Thick, pummelling and vicious, it's the perfect onslaught of barbed brawn for any brawny music buff.



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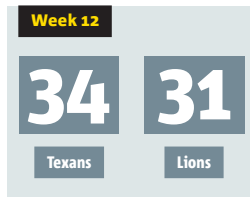
Detroit Lions head coach Jim Schwartz, left, talks with NFL official Jerry Bergman during a disputed play against the Houston Texans in Detroit on Thursday. Because Schwartz threw the flag on a disputed touchdown play, the play could not be reviewed. The Texans won the game in overtime 34-31. LEON HALIP/GETTY IMAGES

# Schwartz sees red in tough OT loss

**CFL.** Lions coach makes costly mistake in throwing challenge flag

Jim Schwartz threw a challenge flag when he didn't need to and the Houston Texans made him regret it.

Shayne Graham's 32-yard field goal with 2:21 left in overtime lifted Houston to a 34-31 win over the Detroit



Lions on Thursday after their coach broke an NFL rule by attempting to challenge a scoring play.

## Quoted

**"I knew the rule — you can't challenge on a turnover or a scoring play — but I was so mad that I overreacted"**

Detroit Lions coach Jim Schwartz

"Obviously that's a big break in the game for us," Houston coach Gary Kubiak said. "But I think you make your breaks when you work your tail off."

Detroit kicker Jason Hanson had a chance to get Schwartz off the hook, but his 47-yard field-goal attempt on the fifth possession of the extra period hit the right upright.

Lions defensive end Kyle Vanden Bosch did, too, on the previous possession when he couldn't intercept a pass Matt Schaub threw directly at him deep in Houston territory.

Detroit might've won in regulation if its coach didn't make a costly mistake.

Schwartz threw a red chal-

lenge flag when Houston's Justin Forsett scored on an 81-yard touchdown run in the third quarter after two Lions tackled him.

Replays showed Forsett's left knee and elbow hit the turf near midfield, and the automatic review that accompanies all scoring plays probably would have taken the TD off the board. But NFL rules say that throwing the challenge flag on a scoring play negates the review — and is an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty to boot.

"It's on me," Schwartz could be seen saying to assistants and players on the sideline as he tapped his chest. "It's on me."

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## NFL. RG3 lights up Cowboys on return to Lone Star State

Welcome back to Texas, RG3.

Robert Griffin III threw for 311 yards and four touchdowns, helping the Washington Redskins beat the Dallas Cowboys 38-31 on Thursday.

The Heisman Trophy winner from Baylor made the Cowboys look like an over-matched college team during the decisive second quarter in Griffin's first pro game in his home state. He got some help from his receivers, including a leaping grab and long run

from Pierre Garcon and some nifty footwork in the end zone by Santana Moss.

Tony Romo lost for the first time in six starts on Thanksgiving, despite a career-high 441 yards and three second-half touchdowns, including the longest of his career — an 85-yarder to Dez Bryant. Romo ran in a two-point conversion after a TD throw to Felix Jones and threw another scoring pass to Bryant to help Dallas close to 35-28 with 8:24

remaining after the Cowboys trailed 28-3 at halftime.

"I thought we had a good chance," Romo said.

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Robert Griffin III on Thursday in Dallas. GETTY IMAGES

## Lockout

### Hamrlik breaks rank with call for union vote

The first true friction within the NHL Players' Association turned up rather quickly after the NHL had rejected the union's latest proposal.

It was Roman Hamrlik, a 38-year-old defenceman scheduled to earn \$3.5 million, who called out for a vote in a Czech newspaper. Hamrlik is one of a handful of NHLers — like Teemu Selanne and Martin Brodeur — who is going through his third lockout.

"There should be voting between players," Hamrlik reporters in Czech on Wednesday. "If half of players say let's play, then they should sign new CBA. If there is no season he (Donald Fehr) should leave and we will find someone new. Time is our enemy."

Hamrlik was taken to task by other NHLers for breaking ranks, including Erik Cole.

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## MLB

### Johnson open to extending stay

Josh Johnson would be open to signing a contract extension to stay in Toronto beyond the 2013 season, his agent says.

But the Blue Jays have not yet approached him about such a deal.

"It hasn't come up in any of our conversations," said Matt Sosnick, who represents the pitcher, one of the five players the Jays acquired in a blockbuster trade with the Miami Marlins last week.

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## CIS football

### McMaster, Laval to renew rivalry in Vanier Cup

The 47th Vanier Cup in Vancouver, which was played a year ago Sunday, saw the McMaster Marauders defeat the Laval Rouge et Or 41-38 in double overtime.

The 48th edition goes Friday (7:30 p.m., TSN) at Rogers Centre, with the undefeated and No. 1 Marauders (11-0) facing No. 2 Laval (11-1).

The crowd is expected to top the record of 32,847 at the 1989 Vanier Cup.

"The only place we could (get) revenge is back here," said Laval head coach Glen Constantin.

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## Passing knowledge. Ex-figure competitor helps other women train



Renee Primeau inspires new fitness competitors. VASKO OBSCURA/CONTRIBUTED

Renee Primeau is proof you don't have to live at the gym to look like you do.

The former figure competitor in fitness competitions got a late start on her career.

"Although I had some athletic training background in martial arts and the occasional weight-training session at the gym, I actually only trained regularly for about eight months before my first competition," said Primeau.

"That first show was on Oct. 27, 2007, and I com-

peted in 10 shows from that time up until June 2011."

Primeau, now a holistic lifestyle coach in London, is helping other women with their training as she completes her education at Western University.

One of those women, Lindsey Plummer, will compete in her first show Saturday at the GNC Live Well physique championships at Centennial Hall. The mother of four-year-old twins started training with Primeau about six months ago.

JAYMIN PROULX/FOR METRO



## Lockdown defence

London Lightning forward Rodney Buford barely gets a shot off in front of the Montreal Jazz's Juan Mendez at the Budweiser Gardens on Thursday. The Lightning defeated the Jazz by a score of 99-75.

JOHN MATISZ/METRO

## Knights win ninth straight. Anderson scores a pair to down Sting

Josh Anderson scored twice as the London Knights beat the Sting 5-3 in the Ontario Hockey League action Thursday.

Brett Welychka and Seth Griffith, with a short-handed goal, also scored for the Knights (17-5-2), who won their ninth consecutive game.

Alex Galchenyuk, Reid Boucher and Nikolay Goldobin each scored for the Sting (12-10-2), who lost their fourth straight game.

Jake Patterson got the win for the Knights with 20 saves.

JP Anderson started the game for the Sting, but was pulled after allowing five goals on 17 shots. Backup Brodie Barrick finished the game stopping all eight shots he faced.

### Elsewhere in the OHL:

Barclay Goodrow scored a natural hat trick to lead the Brampton Battalion to a 3-2 victory over the Barrie Colts in Ontario Hockey League action Thursday night.

Aaron Berisha scored on the final shootout attempt as the Belleville Bulls beat



London Knights logo

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### Looking ahead

Here's a look at what the London Knights have on tap for the weekend:

- **Friday.** Peterborough Petes (5-16-2-1). Budweiser Gardens, 7:30 p.m.
- **Saturday.** Owen Sound Attack (17-4-1-2). Bayshore Community Centre, 7:30 p.m.

the Erie Otters 4-3 in play on Thursday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# AS USUAL, IT'S A TALE OF TWO QUARTERBACKS



**CFL EXTRA POINTS**  
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## Calgary at Toronto, Sunday, 6:30 p.m. (TSN)

It should be no surprise that in a quarterback-driven league, the biggest story heading into the 100th Grey Cup game on Sunday is the remarkable twists of fate experienced by the two starting passers.

Calgary's Kevin Glenn and Toronto's



Ricky Ray couldn't have imagined their current status a year ago. Last November, Glenn, entrenched as the starter in Hamilton, had just led his Ticats to a triumph over Montreal and into the East final. Ray, seemingly untouchable as a legend in Edmonton, was expected to play

out his career as an Eskimo. Fast-forward to today and Glenn has emerged as the Stampeders' surprising playoff leader and hero heading into the Grey Cup Sunday at Rogers Centre in Toronto. Ray, swapped by then-Esks GM Eric Tillman for little more than a handful of magic beans, is suddenly tasked with leading the Argos in their first "home" Grey Cup in 20 years.

The trade was so one-sided, some CFL followers still believe the Ray transaction was orchestrated by the league to help the Argos compete for the centennial Grey Cup at home. Conspiracy theorists also suggest the trade was made to appease Argos owner David Braley, who also holds the purse strings in Vancouver and may have saved both teams (and the league) from extinction.

Ray is also expected to stoke the dying embers of CFL enthusiasm in Toronto, where the fan base would apparently prefer to attend a Buffalo Bills pre-season game than cheer on the Argos, North America's oldest football franchise.

While Ray is a former Grey Cup champ as an Eskimo, Glenn's closest brush with the title occurred in the 2007 East final. Despite winning the game, Glenn suffered a broken arm and was sidelined for the championship game.

No matter who wins Sunday, the 2012 Grey Cup champs will be led

by a quarterback whose story will dominate the headlines Monday morning.

**Season series:** The Argos won both matchups this season, 39-36 at home in Week 2 and 22-14 at McMahon. The Week 2 contest in Toronto saw Stamps starter Drew Tate sidelined for the rest of the regular season with a dislocated shoulder. The Argos have won five consecutive games against the Stamps dating back to 2010.



**Grey Cup history:** This will mark the third Grey Cup meeting between the two franchises.

Calgary slipped past Toronto 14-11 in the '71 cup, best remembered for the Leon McQuay fumble. Toronto captured a 36-21 win in the '91 contest at Winnipeg, one of the coldest Grey Cups on record.

**Pick:** Calgary by 2

## Six Grey Cup moments to remember

The championship game has created some wild and memorable moments. Here are six that went down in CFL history:

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2002

Anthony Calvillo hit Ottawa native Pat Woodcock on a record 99-yard TD strike to lead Montreal past Edmonton 25-16 at Commonwealth Stadium. It was the Alouettes' first Grey Cup win since '77 and head coach Don Matthews' record-tying fifth CFL title.

1996

Edmonton receiver Eddie Brown made a sensational catch in snowy conditions against Toronto at Ivor Wynne Stadium. The ball went through Brown's hands and bounced up off his foot. Without missing a step, Brown gained control and went 64 yards for the touchdown. But the Argos won the Snow Bowl by a 43-37 score.



1994

Lui Passaglia's 38-yard field goal with no time showing gave the B.C. Lions a 26-23 win over Baltimore at BC Place. It was the first-ever CFL title game that featured a Canada-U.S. matchup. Passaglia had missed a 37-yard try with 1:02 remaining.

1991

Raghib (Rocket) Ismail had a then-record 87-yard kickoff return for a touchdown to lead Toronto past Calgary 36-21, bringing success to the Argos ownership group that consisted of John Candy, Wayne Gretzky and former L.A. Kings owner

Bruce McNall. Argos quarterback Matt Dunigan played despite a broken collarbone.



1989

Dave Ridgway's 35-yard field goal with two seconds left earned Saskatchewan a wild 43-40 win over Hamilton. Ticats star Tony Champion, who had two touchdowns despite playing with broken ribs, made a brilliant backwards diving grab that tied the score 40-40.

1977

On a hard, icy field at Olympic Stadium, Alouettes players Tony Proudfoot and Wally Buono came up with the idea of using staples on the bottom of the teams' shoes to increase traction. The move worked, as Montreal waltzed past Edmonton 41-6.





Horoscopes

**Aries**

**March 21 - April 20**  
Mars, your ruler, is at odds with Uranus, planet of surprises, so expect something surprising to happen. Whatever it may be, try not to overreact. You don't want to make a difficult situation even worse.

**Taurus**

**April 21 - May 21**  
Let everyone know what you can do today. Blow your own trumpet. The fact of the matter is there are few who can match you for energy or excellence. You have a right to be pleased with yourself.

**Gemini**

**May 22 - June 21**  
There is a danger today that you will act too quickly and make a silly mistake, which could set back your plans by weeks or even months. Check all facts and figures for yourself. Don't be too trusting.

**Cancer**

**June 22 - July 23**  
A partnership problem will only be resolved if you resolve to work for a solution that all sides find fair. It does not matter if you are right and they are wrong, it matters only that everyone is happy.

**Leo**

**July 24 - Aug. 23**  
Mars in the wellbeing area of your chart warns that you must know your limits. Don't push too hard or too fast today, or you may need to spend tomorrow and the weekend recovering from your exertions.

**Virgo**

**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**  
At some point today, you will have to decide to push ahead with a project without the help of those you had previously counted on. But that's OK. You don't need them. You're quite capable of getting it done yourself.

**Libra**

**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**  
Disputes of one kind or another are likely today but that's fine. The air has to be cleared every once in a while and now is as good a time as any. As always, your sense of fair play will see you through.

**Scorpio**

**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**  
Don't let anyone talk you out of what you are planning to do. They may say they are trying to save you from disaster but the truth is they don't want to see you succeed. It's called envy. Push on.

**Sagittarius**

**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**  
There is no point in trying to convince a friend that your way of doing things is best, even though it clearly is, because they don't want to believe you. You will have to do it alone and you'll do better that way.

**Capricorn**

**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**  
You need to sit down and draw up a list of priorities. If you don't, you will waste a great deal of time and energy on matters that are of no real importance. Your time is precious. Don't waste it.

**Aquarius**

**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**  
Why are you convinced that others want to do you harm? Why do you think you have secret enemies? It's not true. It's just your mind playing tricks on you, so be positive and act as if everyone is your friend.

**Pisces**

**Feb. 20 - March 20**  
It's time to take action. For too long you have been sitting around planning what you are going to do some day. But that day may never come unless you get out and about and make things happen. Do it now. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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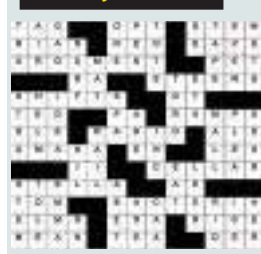
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19. Candies
22. Steps
26. Plural suffix
27. Royal Ontario Museum (abbr.)
28. Deal — No Deal
30. Witches magic
34. Target
35. Thing of value
37. Foot digit
38. Braid
40. Poet Eliot
41. Baby
42. Talk show host of past (init.)
43. Halloween candies
46. Naps
50. Over achiever (abbr.)
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58. Used in paintings
60. Glee actress — Michele
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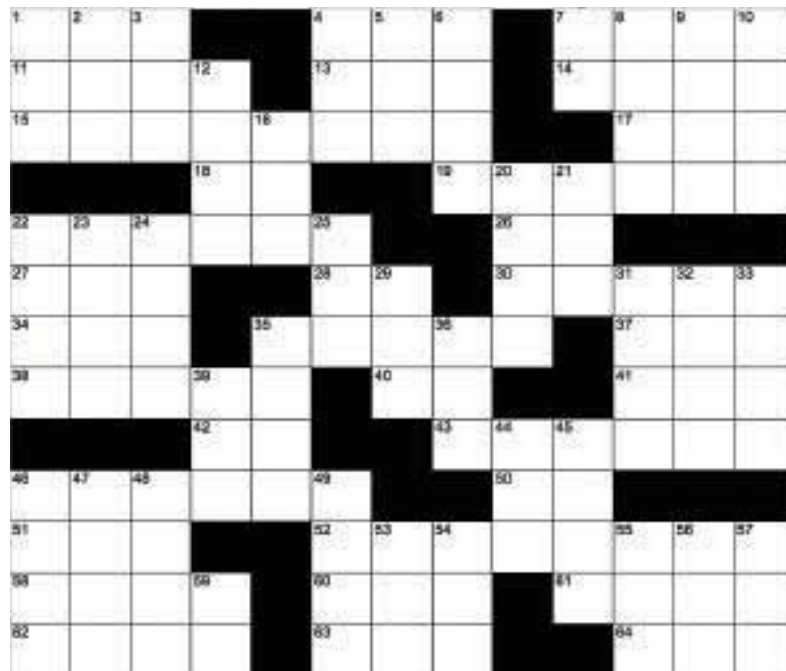


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16. FBI agent
20. East Meets —
21. Extra Sensory Perception (abbr.)
22. Ensnare
23. Vex

24. Actress Thompson of "Nanny McPhee"
25. Distress signal
29. Letters between Q and U
31. Singer James
32. Robbers getaway
33. — Make a Deal
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36. Superlative ending
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44. Eggs
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47. Den
48. Jazz great Fitzgerald
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